

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2016 - 2017

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

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Senator: Kakoschke-Moore, Skye

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Question:

Senator Cash: Thank you for raising that issue. I think everybody here would agree that certainly it was unacceptable that there was not a national scheme in relation to domestic violence orders. Certainly it was something that the sector had been asking for, for many, many years. Under the former Prime Minister, we took the issue of domestic violence to COAG and made it a national priority, and in making it a national priority we asked COAG to deliver on a number of action items. One of those action items was a national scheme for domestic violence orders. COAG agreed that they would implement this. An announcement was made that they would basically ensure that the requisite legislative changes were in place; each state would implement their own legislation to recognise other domestic violence orders. I will take it on notice and get back to you on exactly which states have done this. But certainly COAG agreed to it. Many of the states have delivered on it, but it is just a matter of getting to you the other states that are still working through the issue.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Thank you. I understand that the funding for the Women's Safety Package was \$100 million.

Senator Cash: Correct.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Could I have a breakdown of the frontline support services that are receiving funding through the package, and in which states they are receiving them?

Senator Cash: Yes. We will get that for you in terms of the second action plan, which is obviously now coming to an end, and then looking forward into the third action plan.

Senator KAKOSCHKE-MOORE: Also, could I get how much has been allocated to the eSafety website, which also contains information for women who may fear that they are victims of revenge porn and similar offences.

Answer:

*BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING FOR FRONTLINE SERVICES UNDER THE WOMEN'S
SAFETY PACKAGE*

DV-ALERT

State	Funding (\$m)
National	\$13.5

1800 RESPECT

State	Funding (\$m)
National	\$4.914

SAFE TECHNOLOGY FOR WOMEN

State	Funding (\$m)
National	\$2.5

KEEPING WOMEN SAFE IN THEIR HOMES

State	Funding (\$m)
NSW	\$3.07
VIC	\$2.538
QLD	\$2.169
WA	\$1.474
SA	\$1.190
TAS	\$0.814
NT	\$0.723
ACT	\$0.774
National -noting: National, but a staged rollout starting with Victoria.	\$2.810

LOCAL SUPPORT COORDINATORS

State	Funding (\$m)
NSW	\$0.60
VIC	\$0.60
QLD	\$0.60
WA	\$0.60
SA	\$0.60
TAS	\$0.60
NT	\$0.60
ACT	\$0.60

*SPECIALIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNITS**

NSW – Legal Aid New South Wales - \$1.4 million

NSW – Western New South Wales Community Legal Centre - \$1.48 million

VIC – Eastern Community Legal Centre - \$1.4 million

VIC – Murray Mallee Community Legal Centre - \$1.4 million

QLD – North Queensland Women’s Legal Service - \$1.4 million

WA – Kimberley Community Legal Service - \$1.6 million

TAS – Women’s Legal Service Tasmania - \$1.4 million

ACT – Women’s Legal Centre ACT - \$1.4 million

SPECIALIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNITS AND HEALTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIPS*

QLD – Women’s Legal Service QLD - \$2.4 million

WA – Northern Suburbs Community Legal Centre - \$1.8 million

SA – Legal Services Commission of South Australia - \$1.8 million

NT – Central Australian Women’s Legal Service - \$1.8 million

EXPANDED HEALTH JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP*

VIC – Inner Melbourne Community Legal - \$0.4 million

*includes fourth year of funding provided under the Third Action Plan.

The e-Safety Commissioner manages the existing eSafetyWomen website, which was established with a \$2.1 million (over 3 years) funding commitment under the Women’s Safety Package announced in September 2015. eSafetyWomen offers a range of resources to help women manage technology risks and abuse by providing them with the tools they need to be confident when online.

BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING FOR FRONTLINE SERVICES UNDER
THE SECOND ACTION PLAN

Initiative	Funding (\$m)
One-off grant funding for Building Safer Communities for Women	9.9
1800RESPECT (base funding 1 Jan 2014 – 30 June 2017)	28.5
1800RESPECT to deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DAISY app• Other innovative resources	1.0
1800RESPECT (Additional funding for increased demand)	4.0
Lifeline Australia to deliver:	7.6

• DV-alert	
Support to frontline services following the National Campaign	2.0

*BREAKDOWN OF FUNDING FOR FRONTLINE SERVICES UNDER
THE THIRD ACTION PLAN*

- \$30 million is being provided for legal assistance services:
 - \$18.5 million for legal aid commissions to establish integrated duty lawyer and family violence support services in family law court registries
 - \$6.2 million for selected Family Relationship Centres to deliver legally-assisted family dispute resolution to vulnerable families
 - \$5 million to extend funding for the specialist domestic violence units and health justice partnerships under the Government’s Women’s Safety Package by an additional year until 30 June 2019
 - \$0.3 million to improve the contribution of legal assistance data to the broader evidence base around family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia.
- \$15.3 million is being provided for frontline services:
 - \$5.8m for the national 1800RESPECT national support service to implement the new first responder model and to assist with the increase in demand.
 - \$4.2m for a housing innovation fund to provide safe accommodation for women.
 - \$5.2m to fund new approaches for innovative service delivery for vulnerable cohorts of women and their children.